

AS Roma - FC Girondins de Bordeaux

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Match background

Group A is the only section in which both qualifying places have still to be decided and even though AS Roma go into the final fixture with a single-point advantage at the top, they know they will probably have to avoid defeat in the Stadio Olimpico to ensure they go through to the knockout rounds. For FC Girondins de Bordeaux the situation is clear: they have to win or their European adventure will continue in the UEFA Cup as third-placed finishers.

- The Italian side progressed to their elevated position thanks to a clinical 3-1 victory in Transylvania which also ended CFR 1907 Cluj's hopes of progressing. The damage was done inside the opening 23 minutes. Matteo Brighi struck the opener, his first UEFA Champions League goal, before Francesco Totti doubled the lead with a free-kick. Yssouf Koné headed in from close range for the home team but Brighi struck again after 64 minutes to put the result beyond doubt.
- The game between these teams in France also ended in a 3-1 Roma victory. Bordeaux had taken the lead thanks to Yoann Gourcuff but after Henrique's 36th-minute dismissal, Roma turned the contest around with two strikes in seven minutes before substitute Júlio Baptista completed the victory with his second goal late on.
- Roma's previous two home matches in the section have been contrasting affairs, starting with a surprise 2-1 defeat by CFR on 16 September which came after Christian Panucci's early goal had edged the hosts ahead.
- Then on Matchday 4 Roma turned the tables on a Chelsea FC team who had defeated them in London two weeks before thanks to John Terry's late header. In the Stadio Olimpico return Luciano Spalletti's charges ran out 3-1 winners to put real momentum behind their qualifying prospects. Former Chelsea defender Panucci scored again to get the ball rolling and with two stunning Mirko Vučinić strikes, Roma established an unassailable lead.
- Victory would enable the Giallorossi to finish as section winners, as would a draw if Chelsea fail to win at home to CFR. Taking part in the UEFA Champions League for the sixth time in eight seasons, Roma have never finished top of the group but have qualified for the next phase in all but one of their previous campaigns.



- Roma and Bordeaux met in the 1990/91 UEFA Cup third round and it resulted in a resounding victory for the Italian side, a 5-0 home win in the first leg setting up a 7-0 aggregate triumph. The Giallorossi's three other home games with French opponents all ended in draws, the most recent being the 0-0 stalemate against Olympique Lyonnais in the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League first knockout round. They also played out a scoreless 90 minutes at home to AS Monaco FC in the 1991/92 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals – the away leg produced their one and only defeat against a French side. Their full record is P8 W4 D3 L1.
- Bordeaux have only tackled Serie A opponents twice previously in the European Champion Clubs' Cup. They came off second best to eventual winners Juventus in the 1984/85 semi-final, losing 3-0 in the away leg which meant their 2-0 home triumph was not enough to take them through. In the 1999/00 second group stage Bordeaux drew 3-3 at ACF Fiorentina and in a total of 13 games against Italian opponents have recorded three victories – all at home – with three draws and seven losses.
- After defeat in their first two games, Bordeaux did not look as if they would arrive at Matchday 6 still in with a chance of qualifying for the next stage. Their home reverse against Roma had been preceded by a 4-0 loss in London against Chelsea and going into the first of the two fixtures with CFR they had still to put a point on the board.
- Laurent Blanc's team then found their form with a 1-0 win against their Romanian visitors thanks to an own goal by opposing captain Cadú.
- Bordeaux built on that victory two weeks later with a second success against CFR. Gourcuff pounced after just six minutes and although Dani swiftly equalised, Wendel's 38th-minute free-kick restored the visitors' advantage and ultimately secured victory.
- In a pulsating contest at Stade Chaban-Delmas on 26 November, Nicolas Anelka opened the scoring for Chelsea yet the Ligue 1 outfit clinched the point they deserved on 83 minutes when stand-in skipper Alou Diarra met Gourcuff's corner with a firm near-post header.
- Bordeaux coach Blanc was part of France's victorious team at UEFA EURO 2000™, beating Italy 2-1 in the final. Totti was in the opposing lineup and Vincenzo Montella appeared as a substitute.
- As a player with Olympique de Marseille, Blanc reached the 1998/99 UEFA Cup final losing to an Italian side, Parma FC. In the semi-final, against more Serie A opposition in Bologna FC, it was Blanc's penalty with three minutes remaining that earned Marseille a 1-1 draw and ensured they went through on away goals.
- Roma defender Panucci and Blanc were team-mates at FC Internazionale Milano for the 1999/00 season while the former scored three goals in 14 Ligue 1 appearance while on loan at AS Monaco FC in 2001.
- Gourcuff and Roma forward Jérémy Menez were team-mates in France's Under-21 side.
- The draw for the UEFA Champions League first knockout round will take place at 12.00CET on Friday 19 December at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland. Group winners will be paired against runners-up from different sections with the second-placed teams playing the first leg at home. Clubs from the same associations cannot be drawn together.

Match facts

Roma

UEFA milestones

- Philippe Mexès made his 50th appearance in UEFA club competition on Matchday 5.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- None

Disciplinary information

- Christian Panucci and Daniele De Rossi will incur a suspension with their next yellow cards.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 6 December: AC Chievo Verona 0-1 AS Roma (Menez 69)

Roma extended their winning run to five games in all competitions as Jérémy Menez's first league goal for the club saw to struggling Chievo. Matteo Brighi and Júlio Baptista both passed up chances before Menez struck with a precise right-foot volley. Luciano Spalletti's men then held out for the last five minutes with ten men after Brighi was sent off for a second bookable offence.

• "We know Menez has great skills, he just needs to play more for the team, and today he did it brilliantly," said Roma coach Spalletti. "We need to continue on this path as we played a great game today in every respect. The team is in very good shape, and we are proving it both in Serie A and the UEFA Champions League. The players did really well to keep going until they scored, despite having missed good chances earlier in the game."

• It was the side's fourth successive Serie A victory, three of them by 1-0 scorelines and all coming without letting in a goal. Roma last conceded in league action when Cicinho put through his own goal in the 1-1 draw with Bologna FC on 8 November. In total the Giallorossi have had six shutouts, four at the Stadio Olimpico.

• It was only Roma's second Serie A away win of the season, having had to wait until 23 November for their first, beating US Lecce 3-0. It was their seventh attempt, the previous six away games garnering only one point.

• On 30 November, four days after defeating CFR, Francesco Totti's 59th-minute strike earned Roma a 1-0 victory at home to ACF Fiorentina.

• Totti has scored 169 goals in Serie A, lifting the Roma captain above Giuseppe Savoldi to eleventh in the Italian top-flight's all-time leading scorers' list. Next in his sights is former Giallorossi striker Amedeo Amadei (174 goals).

• Doni is the only Roma player to have appeared in all 14 league matches, while De Rossi and Menez have missed one apiece.

• Nine different players have scored for Roma in Serie A this term: Totti (4), Alberto Aquilani (2), Panucci (2), Mirko Vučinić (2), Baptista (2), De Rossi, Juan, Simone Perrotta and Menez.

• Totti's appearance in the draw against Bologna was the Roma skipper's 400th in Serie A.

• Artur made his Roma debut in Bologna, coming on with 25 minutes remaining after Doni suffered a head injury.

• The 4-0 loss to FC Internazionale Milano on 19 October was Roma's first home league reverse since 29 September 2007, when Inter were also the victors (4-1). The Giallorossi have won both their Serie A fixtures at the Stadio Olimpico since.

• Roma have lost six matches in the league this term, two more than in the whole of last season when they finished runners-up to Inter.

• Roma kick off their Coppa Italia defence on 17 December when they play host to Bologna in the last 16.

Injury news

• Christian Panucci – out since 16 November (knee)

• Max Tonetto – out since 26 November (achilles)

• David Pizarro – out 26 November (knee)

• Mirko Vučinić – out since 5 December (knee)

• Panucci was an unused substitute against Chievo, though Vučinić was rested due to pain in his right knee. Tonetto and Pizarro were both still out after receiving knocks against CFR.

Miscellaneous

• On 24 October UEFA unveiled its new visual identity for the 2009 UEFA Champions League final in Rome. The design combines today's competition trophy with the ancient Roman symbol of victory, a laurel wreath. Framing the main elements of the design is a stylised portrait of Rome's famous landmark, the Colosseum.

• Roma will receive €537,763 in solidarity contributions for their players' part in UEFA EURO 2008™ after UEFA finalised the calculations on the amount of money to be handed to national associations following this summer's tournament.

• On 2 December Totti sent his best wishes to Antonín Panenka, who was celebrating his 60th birthday. In the semi-finals of UEFA EURO 2000™ against the Netherlands, the Roma captain replicated Panenka's famous spot-kick chip which had sealed Czechoslovakia's penalty shoot-out victory against West Germany in the 1976 UEFA European Championship final.

Bordeaux

UEFA milestones

- None

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Marouane Chamakh has suffered 24 fouls in the first five matches, more than any other player.

Disciplinary information

- Matthieu Chalmé, Chamakh and Yoann Gourcuff are all a booking away from a ban.

Latest domestic information

• **Friday 5 December: FC Girondins de Bordeaux 2-1 Valenciennes FC (Chamakh 35, Cavenaghi 47; Pujol 43)**
Bordeaux ended a four-game winless streak in all competitions to leave the visitors rooted to the foot of the table. Chamakh and Grégory Pujol exchanged goals before the interval, but Bordeaux regained the lead as Fernando Cavenaghi swept in after the visitors had failed to clear a Gourcuff free-kick. The hosts were forced to hold on, however, as Rafael Schmitz hit the woodwork and it took a fine save from Matthieu Valverde to deny Rudy Mater in added time.

• "I expected better from my team, but one has to learn to accept that that's normally the case," said Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc. "It's easier to do so if you win. Up until now Bordeaux have been used to dominating games without winning them. This time around, the opposite was true. It is hardly reassuring, but I'm not worried. On Tuesday it will be a different game and a different competition."

• Gourcuff started against Valenciennes after recovering from a thigh strain sustained in the warm-up ahead of his side's goalless draw at FC Sochaux-Montbéliard on 29 November.

• Cavenaghi is Bordeaux's leading scorer this campaign with nine league goals, including two penalties, and has struck six in his last ten appearances in all competitions.

• Two thirds of the 24 league goals Bordeaux have scored this season have come in the second half.

• Les Marine et Blanc are unbeaten at home in Ligue 1 since a 3-1 defeat by Lyon on 7 October 2007. Of the 23 subsequent matches, Blanc's side have won 17 and drawn six.

• Bordeaux drew for the third successive match in all competitions when they were held 0-0 at struggling Sochaux on 29 November. In a game of few chances, the visitors could have snatched victory late on when Fernando's volley was deflected on to the crossbar by Sochaux goalkeeper Teddy Richert.

• Blanc made four changes to the team which started the draw with Chelsea on Matchday 5, drafting in Benoît Trémoulinas, David Bellion, Gabriel Obertan and Cavenaghi in place of Franck Jurietti, Gouffran, Chamakh and Gourcuff.

• The goalless draw was Bordeaux's first in Ligue 1 this season, and in any competition since the French Super Cup, which they won on penalties against Olympique Lyonnais on 2 August.

• Cavenaghi is the only ever-present in the league for Bordeaux this term.

• Bordeaux will play second division outfit LB Châteauroux on 13 January for a place in the French League Cup semi-finals. Should they progress, their next opponents will be either holders Paris Saint-Germain FC or 2007/08 runners-up RC Lens.

Injury news

- Jussiê – out 31 August to 20 September (thigh) and since 1 October (hamstring)
- Henri Saivet – out since 24 August (foot)
- Ulrich Ramé – out 28 September to 22 October and since 1 November (groin)
- Pierre Ducasse – out since 1 November (left ankle)
- Henrique – out since 11 November (calf)
- Yoann Gourcuff – out 29 November to 5 December (left thigh)

- Ducasse resumed training in late November.
- After six months on the sidelines following a hernia operation, Jussiê played 22 minutes against LOSC Lille Métropole on 31 August, but collected a thigh injury in a 1-1 friendly draw with CA Osasuna a week later. He returned with a goal against Grenoble Foot 38 on 20 September, only to damage a hamstring against Roma on Matchday 2.
- On 1 November against AS Nancy-Lorraine, Ramé was taking a goal kick when he suffered a recurrence of the groin injury he sustained against AS Saint-Etienne on 28 September. The 36-year-old, who was substituted for Valverde, had only returned to action on Matchday 3 in late October. A scan showed that the same muscle had been damaged, though in a different way. He has resumed training and is expected back before Christmas.

Miscellaneous

- Ramé is in his 12th campaign with Bordeaux and made his 376th league outing for the club against Nancy. Alain Giresse holds Bordeaux's appearance record, playing 521 league matches between 1970 and 1986.

Squad list

Roma

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
12	Pietro Pipolo	ITA	27.02.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Artur	BRA	25.01.1981	27	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
27	Julio Sergio	BRA	08.11.1978	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Doni	BRA	22.10.1979	29	-	-	-	5	-	14	-	24	-	26	-
Defenders															
2	Christian Panucci	ITA	12.04.1973	35	*	-	-	4	2	9	2	72	11	102	14
3	Cicinho	BRA	24.06.1980	28	-	-	-	4	-	12	-	13	-	13	-
4	Juan	BRA	01.02.1979	29	-	-	-	2	-	9	1	20	4	32	6
5	Philippe Mexès	FRA	30.03.1982	26	-	-	-	4	-	9	-	27	-	50	-
15	Simone Loria	ITA	28.10.1978	30	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	1	-
17	John Arne Riise	NOR	24.09.1980	28	-	-	-	5	-	11	-	65	3	93	4
22	Max Tonetto	ITA	18.11.1974	34	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	18	-	23	-
36	Riccardo Brosco	ITA	03.02.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Alessandro Crescenzi	ITA	25.09.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	Marco Cassetti	ITA	29.05.1977	31	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	17	1	17	1
Midfielders															
7	David Pizarro	CHI	11.09.1979	29	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	25	3	32	3
8	Alberto Aquilani	ITA	07.07.1984	24	-	-	-	3	-	7	2	17	-	25	1
11	Rodrigo Taddei	BRA	06.03.1980	28	-	-	-	5	-	12	-	19	3	29	4
14	Filipe	BRA	28.05.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Daniele De Rossi	ITA	24.07.1983	25	*	-	-	5	-	13	1	28	3	41	4
19	Júlio Baptista	BRA	01.10.1981	27	-	-	-	4	2	9	2	18	4	26	9
20	Simone Perrotta	ITA	17.09.1977	31	-	-	-	4	-	10	1	24	2	34	3
33	Matteo Brighi	ITA	14.02.1981	27	-	-	-	4	2	12	-	6	2	12	2
35	Andrea Bertolacci	ITA	11.01.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Marco D'Alessandro	ITA	17.02.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Mirko Vučinić	MNE	01.10.1983	25	-	-	-	5	3	11	2	19	8	19	8
10	Francesco Totti	ITA	27.09.1976	32	-	-	-	4	1	8	4	39	12	69	22
23	Vincenzo Montella	ITA	18.06.1974	34	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	23	2	57	13
24	Jérémy Menez	FRA	07.05.1987	21	-	-	-	2	-	13	1	2	-	8	-
89	Stefano Okaka Chuka	ITA	09.08.1989	19	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	4	-	7	-
Coach															
-	Luciano Spalletti	ITA	07.03.1959	49	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	25	-	44	-

Bordeaux

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Kevin Olimpa	FRA	10.03.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
16	Ulrich Ramé	FRA	19.09.1972	36	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	19	-	65	-
30	Matthieu Valverde	FRA	14.05.1983	25	-	-	-	3	-	9	-	3	-	4	-
31	Gilles Meslien	FRA	17.06.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Abdoulaye Keita	FRA	19.08.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Henrique	BRA	02.05.1983	25	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	3	-	6	-
6	Franck Jurietti	FRA	30.03.1975	33	-	-	-	5	-	11	-	12	-	37	2
13	Diego Placente	ARG	24.04.1977	31	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	30	-	41	-
14	Souleymane Diawara	SEN	24.12.1978	29	-	-	-	5	-	15	-	5	-	25	1
21	Matthieu Chalmé	FRA	07.10.1980	28	*	-	-	4	-	13	-	17	-	42	-
23	Florian Marange	FRA	03.03.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	10	-
27	Marc Planus	FRA	07.03.1982	26	-	-	-	5	-	14	-	7	-	25	1
28	Benoît Trémoulinas	FRA	28.12.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	7	1
32	Matthieu Saunier	FRA	07.02.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Christopher Glombard	FRA	05.06.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
4	Alou Diarra	FRA	15.07.1981	27	-	-	-	5	1	15	-	10	2	24	2
5	Fernando	BRA	03.05.1981	27	-	-	-	5	-	15	3	8	-	12	-
8	Yoann Gourcuff	FRA	11.07.1986	22	*	-	-	5	2	16	3	16	3	22	3
17	Wendel	BRA	08.04.1982	26	-	-	-	5	1	14	2	10	1	16	2
19	Pierre Ducasse	FRA	07.05.1987	21	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	5	-	13	-
24	Abdou Traoré	MLI	17.01.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-
34	Grégory Sertic	FRA	05.08.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Grzegorz Krychowiak	POL	29.01.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Paul-Bastien Lasne	FRA	16.01.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Sacha Clemence	FRA	01.06.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Yoan Gouffran	FRA	25.05.1986	22	-	-	-	5	-	13	-	5	-	5	-
9	Fernando Cavenaghi	ARG	21.09.1983	25	-	-	-	2	-	17	9	3	-	13	5
10	Jussîê	BRA	19.09.1983	25	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	-	22	4
11	David Bellion	FRA	27.11.1982	26	-	-	-	2	-	14	3	8	1	11	2
25	Henri Saivet	FRA	26.10.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
26	Gabriel Obertan	FRA	26.02.1989	19	-	-	-	5	-	11	-	8	-	16	-
29	Marouane Chamakh	MAR	10.01.1984	24	*	-	-	5	-	14	3	9	-	26	7
Coach															
-	Laurent Blanc	FRA	19.11.1965	43	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	13	-

Head coach

AS Roma: Luciano Spalletti

Date of birth: 7 March 1959

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: AC Entella Chiavari 1914, Spezia Calcio 1906, FC Esperia Viareggio, Empoli FC

Coaching career: Empoli FC, UC Sampdoria, Venezia Calcio, Udinese Calcio (twice), Ancona Calcio, AS Roma

A hard-working midfielder in his playing days, Luciano Spalletti has remained faithful to the same mentality since starting his coaching career in 1993/94 at his former club Empoli FC. Spalletti enjoyed immediate success with successive promotions; in his first full season, he led the Tuscan club to Serie B before taking them to Serie A the following campaign. After a good first term in the top flight, Spalletti left to join UC Sampdoria but was sacked 28 games into the 1998/99 season. It was the beginning of a difficult period for Spalletti, who had brief stays at Venezia Calcio, Udinese Calcio and Ancona Calcio before returning to Udinese in summer 2002.

Spalletti steered Udinese to sixth- and seventh-placed finishes before writing his name into the club's history as the first coach to guide Udinese to UEFA Champions League football with a fourth place in 2004/05. That June, however, Spalletti answered a call from AS Roma, who had avoided relegation on the last day of term and had been struggling to fill the gap left by Fabio Capello. He signed a two-year contract.

After a difficult opening to 2005/06, Spalletti managed to gain the faith of the Roma squad. Without injured captain Francesco Totti, Roma set a record of consecutive Serie A wins (eleven) and came fifth before the Italian match-fixing tribunal punished Juventus, AC Milan and ACF Fiorentina. That resulted in the Giallorossi moving up to second, earning them an automatic UEFA Champions League place. After a knockout stage berth was secured, Roma handed Spalletti a new contract until 2011 and he rewarded them with another second place in Serie A and Coppa Italia glory. The following year, they were pipped to the Italian title by FC Internazionale Milano yet again but reached another UEFA Champions League quarter-final.

FC Girondins de Bordeaux: Laurent Blanc

Date of birth: 19 November 1965

Nationality: French

Playing career: Montpellier Hérault SC, Napoli SSC, Nîmes Olympique SC, AS Saint-Etienne, AJ Auxerre, FC Barcelona, Olympique de Marseille, FC Internazionale Milano, Manchester United FC

Coaching career: FC Girondins de Bordeaux

One of the best defenders France ever produced, Laurent Blanc has made an immediate impression as coach of FC Girondins de Bordeaux since taking charge of the top-flight club in June 2007. Having hung up his boots in 2003, Blanc – part of the victorious France squads at the 1998 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000™ – has introduced an attacking style of play at the Stade Chaban-Delmas, leading his team to second place in Ligue 1 in his debut campaign and pushing champions Olympique Lyonnais all the way to the season's final day.

Blanc had spent the previous four years taking his coaching qualifications and "waiting for a good opportunity to start as a coach in an appropriate side". Nicknamed Le Président on account of his authority, elegance and leadership, Blanc bowed out from the international scene in 2000 having won 97 caps. A centre-forward in his early days, he began his professional career at Montpellier Hérault SC in midfield but converted to central defence and was voted French footballer of the year in 1990. That heralded a brief spell in Italy with SSC Napoli, after which he returned home to play for Nîmes Olympique SC, AS Saint-Etienne and AJ Auxerre, winning the first division title with the latter in 1996.

Blanc then headed to Spain and lifted the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup with FC Barcelona in 1997 before joining Olympique de Marseille and then FC Internazionale Milano. However, the real highlight came with country, not club, as Blanc led France to glory at the 1998 FIFA World Cup – he scored a golden-goal winner against Paraguay in the second round – and at UEFA EURO 2000™. He moved to Manchester United FC in 2001, making his UEFA Champions League debut before bringing down the curtain on his playing days, appropriately as a champion, with the Premier League title in 2002/03.

Match officials

Referee	Herbert Fandel (GER)
Assistant referees	Volker Wezel (GER), Robert Hartmann (GER)
Fourth official	Günter Perl (GER)
UEFA Delegate	Dane Jošt (SVN)
UEFA Referee observer	Dusan Krchnak (SVK)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Herbert Fandel	GER	09.03.1964	32	54

Whether performing a classical piano piece for an appreciative audience or refereeing football's superstars in front of a packed crowd, Herbert Fandel keeps cool and delivers. Stage fright is out of the question. The German, who took charge of Sevilla FC's 4-0 UEFA Cup final defeat of Middlesbrough FC in May 2006 a year before orchestrating the 2007 UEFA Champions League showpiece when AC Milan beat Liverpool FC 2-1 in Athens, is used to the big occasion, both as a full-time pianist with his own highly successful music school and as one of Europe's leading referees.

Fandel, a father of two who lives in Kyllburg, close to the Luxembourg border, became the first German to take charge of a one-off UEFA Cup final in Eindhoven. Having started his refereeing career in 1989, he joined the élite band of Bundesliga officials in 1996 and earned his FIFA badge two years later. His break on the international stage came at the UEFA European Under-16 Championship in 1998 before he travelled to the 1999 UEFA-CAF Meridian Cup in South Africa.

Appointments at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship and Sydney Olympics followed in 2000 ahead of the step up to FIFA World Cup qualifying in 2002. Fandel also did the 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup on home soil before taking charge of his second German Cup final in three campaigns, with FC Bayern München lifting the 2006 trophy after a 1-0 win against Eintracht Frankfurt. He was also a UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying regular and, after ending the 2007/08 club season with the UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg between eventual winners Manchester United FC and FC Barcelona, took charge of two matches at the final tournament in Austria and Switzerland.

UEFA Champions League matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
19.09.2001	UCL	GS1	S.S. Lazio - FC Nantes	1-3	Rome
26.11.2002	UCL	GS2	RC Deportivo La Coruña - Juventus	2-2	La Coruna
19.03.2003	UCL	GS2	AS Roma - AFC Ajax	1-1	Rome
13.08.2003	UCL	QR3	S.S. Lazio - SL Benfica	3-1	Rome
04.11.2003	UCL	GS1	Club Brugge KV - AC Milan	0-1	Bruges
10.08.2004	UCL	QR3	Juventus - Djurgårdens IF FF	2-2	Turin
14.09.2004	UCL	GS	FC Shakhtar Donetsk - AC Milan	0-1	Donetsk
08.03.2005	UCL	1/8	AC Milan - Manchester United FC	1-0	Milan
24.08.2005	UCL	QR3	FC Internazionale Milano - FC Shakhtar Donetsk	1-1	Milan
05.04.2006	UCL	QF	Juventus - Arsenal FC	0-0	Turin
27.09.2006	UCL	GS	Valencia CF - AS Roma	2-1	Valencia
01.11.2006	UCL	GS	AC Milan - RSC Anderlecht	4-1	Milan
04.04.2007	UCL	QF	AS Roma - Manchester United FC	2-1	Rome
23.05.2007	UCL	F	AC Milan - Liverpool FC	2-1	Athens
28.11.2007	UCL	GS	SL Benfica - AC Milan	1-1	Lisbon
19.02.2008	UCL	1/8	AS Roma - Real Madrid CF	2-1	Rome

Other matches - Matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
03.05.1998	U16	QF	Italy - Croatia	2-1	Motherwell
17.09.1998	UCWC	R1	Paris Saint-Germain FC - Maccabi Haifa FC	1-1	Paris
03.09.1999	U21	QR	Ukraine - France	0-0	Kiev
04.11.1999	UCUP	R2	Montpellier Hérault SC - RC Deportivo La Coruña	0-2	Montpellier
27.05.2000	U21	GS - FT	Italy - England	2-0	Bratislava
24.03.2001	WC	QR	Romania - Italy	0-2	Bucharest
06.12.2001	UCUP	R3	LOSC Lille Métropole - ACF Fiorentina	2-0	Lille
21.03.2002	UCUP	QF	AC Milan - Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	2-0	Milan
07.09.2002	EURO	QR	Cyprus - France	1-2	Nicosia
14.04.2004	UCUP	QF	Valencia CF - FC Girondins de Bordeaux	2-1	Valencia
07.09.2005	WC	QR	Republic of Ireland - France	0-1	Dublin
23.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	RC Lens - Udinese Calcio	1-0	Lens
16.03.2006	UCUP	1/8	FC Zenit St. Petersburg - Olympique de Marseille	1-1	St Petersburg
06.09.2006	EURO	QR	France - Italy	3-1	Paris
13.06.2008	EURO	GS - FT	Netherlands - France	4-1	Berne
22.06.2008	EURO	QF	Spain - Italy	0-0*(4-2)	Vienna

Domestic information

AS Roma (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	31/08/08	SSC Napoli (H)	1-1	Aquilani 29
League	13/09/08	US Città di Palermo (A)	1-3	Baptista 8
League	20/09/08	Reggina Calcio (H)	3-0	Panucci 45, Aquilani 51, Perrotta 90
League	24/09/08	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (A)	1-3	De Rossi 28
League	28/09/08	Atalanta BC (H)	2-0	Panucci 17, Vučinić 31
League	05/10/08	AC Siena (A)	0-1	
League	19/10/08	FC Internazionale Milano (H)	0-4	
League	26/10/08	Udinese Calcio (A)	1-3	Totti 75(pen)
League	01/11/08	Juventus (A)	0-2	
League	08/11/08	Bologna FC (A)	1-1	Totti 68
League	16/11/08	S.S. Lazio (H)	1-0	Baptista 50
League	23/11/08	US Lecce (A)	3-0	Vučinić 10, Juan 38, Totti 48
Lineups: Doni, Juan (Loria 70), Mexès, Riise, Casetti, Taddei, De Rossi, Baptista (Pizarro 83), Brighi, Vučinić (Menez 65), Totti				
League	30/11/08	ACF Fiorentina (H)	1-0	Totti 59
Lineups: Doni, Juan, Mexès (Loria 75), Riise, Casetti (Cicinho 66), Taddei, De Rossi, Baptista, Brighi, Vučinić, Totti (Menez 88)				
League	06/12/08	AC Chievo Verona (A)	1-0	Menez 69
Lineups: Doni, Cicinho, Juan, Mexès, Riise, De Rossi, Baptista (Taddei 63), Perrotta, Brighi, Totti, Menez (Casetti 86)				
League	14/12/08	Cagliari Calcio (H)		
League	21/12/08	Calcio Catania (A)		
League	11/01/09	AC Milan (H)		
League	14/01/09	UC Sampdoria (H)		
League	18/01/09	Torino FC (A)		
League	25/01/09	SSC Napoli (A)		
League	28/01/09	US Città di Palermo (H)		
League	01/02/09	Reggina Calcio (A)		
League	08/02/09	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (H)		
League	15/02/09	Atalanta BC (A)		
League	22/02/09	AC Siena (H)		
League	01/03/09	FC Internazionale Milano (A)		
League	08/03/09	Udinese Calcio (H)		
League	15/03/09	UC Sampdoria (A)		
League	22/03/09	Juventus (H)		
League	05/04/09	Bologna FC (H)		
League	11/04/09	S.S. Lazio (A)		
League	19/04/09	US Lecce (H)		
League	26/04/09	ACF Fiorentina (A)		
League	03/05/09	AC Chievo Verona (H)		

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1	FC Internazionale Milano	15	11	3	1	25	8	36
2	Juventus	15	9	3	3	23	10	30
3	AC Milan	15	9	3	3	21	13	30
4	SSC Napoli	15	8	3	4	22	15	27
5	ACF Fiorentina	15	8	2	5	22	14	26
6	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	15	7	4	4	22	16	25
7	Atalanta BC	15	7	2	6	19	15	23
8	S.S. Lazio	15	7	2	6	22	21	23
9	Calcio Catania	15	6	4	5	15	16	22
10	Udinese Calcio	15	6	3	6	21	18	21
11	US Città di Palermo	15	6	2	7	19	20	20
12	Cagliari Calcio	15	6	2	7	16	17	20
13	AS Roma	14	6	2	6	16	18	20
14	AC Siena	15	5	4	6	12	14	19
15	UC Sampdoria	14	4	4	6	13	17	16
16	US Lecce	15	2	7	6	14	21	13
17	Torino FC	15	3	3	9	15	24	12
18	Reggina Calcio	15	3	3	9	14	30	12
19	Bologna FC	15	2	5	8	14	25	11
20	AC Chievo Verona	15	2	3	10	7	22	9

FC Girondins de Bordeaux (Ligue 1)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	09/08/08	SM Caen (H)	2-1	Gourcuff 55, Cavenaghi 80
League	16/08/08	Paris Saint-Germain FC (A)	0-1	
League	24/08/08	FC Nantes (H)	2-0	Cavenaghi 6(pen), Fernando 87
League	31/08/08	LOSC Lille Métropole (A)	1-2	Cavenaghi 28
League	13/09/08	Olympique de Marseille (H)	1-1	Chamakh 25
League	20/09/08	Grenoble Foot 38 (A)	1-0	Jussiê 80
League	28/09/08	AS Saint-Etienne (H)	1-1	Cavenaghi 57
League	04/10/08	FC Lorient (A)	2-1	Fernando 67, 68
League	18/10/08	Toulouse FC (H)	2-1	Gourcuff 29, Bellion 40
League	25/10/08	OGC Nice (A)	2-2	Wendel 10, Cavenaghi 57(pen)
League	28/10/08	Le Havre AC (H)	4-0	Bellion 30, 48, Cavenaghi 72, Wendel 81
League	01/11/08	AS Nancy-Lorraine (A)	0-1	
League	08/11/08	AJ Auxerre (H)	2-0	Cavenaghi 70, Chamakh 75
Cup	11/11/08	EA Guingamp (H)	4-2	Trémoulinas 13, Obertan 23, 31, Cavenaghi 79(pen)
League	16/11/08	Olympique Lyonnais (A)	1-2	Cavenaghi 80
League	22/11/08	Stade Rennais FC (H)	1-1	Gourcuff 60
Lineups: Valverde, Jurietti, Diawara, Chalmé, Planus, Diarra, Fernando, Wendel (Gouffran 62), Gourcuff, Cavenaghi, Chamakh (Bellion 71)				
League	29/11/08	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (A)	0-0	
Lineups: Valverde, Diawara, Chalmé, Planus, Trémoulinas, Diarra, Fernando, Wendel, Obertan (Chamakh 67), Cavenaghi, Bellion (Gouffran 82)				
League	05/12/08	Valenciennes FC (H)	2-1	Chamakh 35, Cavenaghi 47
Lineups: Valverde, Jurietti, Diawara, Chalmé, Planus, Diarra, Gourcuff, Wendel (Obertan 77), Traoré (Gouffran 76), Cavenaghi, Chamakh (Fernando 68)				
League	13/12/08	Le Mans UC 72 (A)		
League	21/12/08	AS Monaco FC (A)		
League	10/01/09	Paris Saint-Germain FC (H)		
League	17/01/09	FC Nantes (A)		
League	31/01/09	LOSC Lille Métropole (H)		
League	07/02/09	Olympique de Marseille (A)		
League	14/02/09	Grenoble Foot 38 (H)		
League	21/02/09	AS Saint-Etienne (A)		
League	28/02/09	FC Lorient (H)		
League	07/03/09	Toulouse FC (A)		
League	14/03/09	OGC Nice (H)		
League	22/03/09	Le Havre AC (A)		
League	04/04/09	AS Nancy-Lorraine (H)		
League	11/04/09	AJ Auxerre (A)		
League	18/04/09	Olympique Lyonnais (H)		
League	25/04/09	Stade Rennais FC (A)		
League	02/05/09	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (H)		
League	13/05/09	Valenciennes FC (A)		
League	16/05/09	Le Mans UC 72 (H)		
League	23/05/09	AS Monaco FC (H)		

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1	Olympique Lyonnais	17	10	4	3	22	12	34
2	Olympique de Marseille	17	8	7	2	33	21	31
3	Stade Rennais FC	17	7	9	1	22	12	30
4	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	17	8	5	4	24	15	29
5	Paris Saint-Germain FC	17	9	2	6	20	14	29
6	OGC Nice	16	8	4	4	21	16	28
7	Toulouse FC	17	7	6	4	14	12	27
8	LOSC Lille Métropole	17	6	8	3	24	18	26
9	Le Mans UC 72	17	7	3	7	23	23	24
10	AS Monaco FC	17	6	5	6	18	16	23
11	FC Lorient	17	6	5	6	21	20	23
12	SM Caen	17	5	7	5	21	18	22
13	Grenoble Foot 38	16	5	6	5	11	14	21
14	AJ Auxerre	17	5	5	7	13	15	20
15	AS Nancy-Lorraine	17	4	7	6	13	17	19
16	FC Nantes	17	5	3	9	14	24	18
17	AS Saint-Etienne	17	5	1	11	12	25	16
18	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	17	1	9	7	15	22	12
19	Le Havre AC	17	3	3	11	12	28	12
20	Valenciennes FC	17	2	5	10	11	22	11

UEFA information

Draw details

UEFA's House of European football in Nyon hosts the draw for the UEFA Champions League first knockout round on Friday 19 December, starting at 12.00CET. The draw will be conducted by UEFA General Secretary David Taylor and the ambassador for next year's final in Rome, Bruno Conti. The draw will be transmitted live on uefa.com and on Eurosport. The winners from one group will play against the runners-up from another, with the runners-up playing the first leg at home. Teams from the same association will not play against each other.

The draw for the UEFA Cup Round of 32 and Round of 16 follows at 13.00CET. Group winners will be paired with third-placed sides from other UEFA Cup sections, while second-placed finishers will be drawn against one of the eight clubs who finished third in the UEFA Champions League groups. The UEFA Cup group winners and runners-up will play the second leg at home. Teams from the same association cannot be drawn against each other in the last 32, but can in the last 16.

Keynote speech to sports ministers

The anchoring of sport's specific nature and sports bodies' autonomy in European Union legislation – UEFA's contribution to financial fair play in European football – a halt to the trafficking of young footballers, and a ban on transfers of players under the age of 18. These were the crucial elements of a keynote speech given by UEFA President Michel Platini to the sports ministers of 27 EU nations in Biarritz, France. Mr Platini called on the ministers and European political authorities to take firm and decisive action in all of these areas to help defend, protect and preserve Europe's sporting values. The UEFA President pledged that European football would make a full contribution to building the Europe of the future, and insisted that sport – and a game loved by millions of European citizens – could not merely be viewed as an economic activity or product.

"Sport does not aspire to put itself above the law," Mr Platini told the ministers, "but it is specific. Sport is not an economic activity like any other. Sport is about sharing, surpassing oneself, exchange, respect. Sport is about emotions. Football is a game rather than just a product or a market. It is a spectacle rather than just a business. As good European citizens we ask that you help us to convince the European Commission to adopt guidelines which will allow us to remain within European law without compromising our autonomy – for we have need of more legal certainty to move forward. It is only in this way that we can protect the European sports model, based on a pyramid structure, financial solidarity and the principle of promotion and relegation, synonymous with the opening of competitions to everyone – small and large, rich and less rich."

EURO solidarity contributions to clubs

Clubs who contributed to making UEFA EURO 2008™ such a success are set to receive solidarity contributions after UEFA finalised the calculations on the amount of money to be handed to national associations following this summer's tournament. A total of 180 European clubs from 24 of UEFA's 53 member associations will receive a share of the €43.5m set aside for providing players to national sides for the tournament under the terms of the historic Memorandum of Understanding signed between UEFA and the European Club Association (ECA) in January this year, which paved the way for the dissolution of the so-called G-14, thereby restoring harmony to European football, and approved by the UEFA Executive Committee in Zagreb last January. The Memorandum of Understanding followed a letter of intent signed by FIFA, UEFA and representatives of the European clubs at the Home of FIFA, in Zurich on 15 January 2008.

"It is a testament to the new harmony in European football, and the willingness of associations and clubs to cooperate for the good of the game, that we are able to deliver to the clubs a tangible benefit for their contribution to UEFA EURO 2008™," said Mr Platini. "We witnessed a truly fantastic UEFA European Championship this summer, both on and off the pitch, one where respect was shown by players, officials and fans alike, and I am pleased that the clubs can now also be a part of that."

Executive Committee meeting

UEFA's Executive Committee gathers for its final meeting of the year in Nyon on Thursday. UEFA's supreme executive body, chaired by Mr Platini, will examine the bid regulations for UEFA EURO 2016™ – the first EURO to feature 24 teams following an Executive Committee decision at its last meeting in Bordeaux in September. A decision will also be taken on the hosts for the 2011 UEFA European Under-21 Championship. The Executive Committee will hear a report on the experiment with five match officials which has been taking place at various UEFA European U19 Championship qualifying mini-tournaments.

Match-by-match lineups

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AS Roma	5	3	0	2	10	6	9
Chelsea FC	5	2	2	1	7	4	8
FC Girondins de Bordeaux	5	2	1	2	5	9	7
CFR 1907 Cluj	5	1	1	3	4	7	4

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
16.09.2008	Chelsea - Bordeaux	4-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Lampard 14, 2-0 J. Cole 30, 3-0 Malouda 82, 4-0 Anelka 90+2			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Belletti 74), Mikel Obi, Malouda (Kalou 84), Bosingwa, Deco (Ballack 61), Terry, Anelka			
Bordeaux: Ramé, Diarra, Fernando (Ducasse 75), Jurietti, Gouffran (Obertan 66), Gourcuff, Placente, Diawara, Wendel, Planus, Chamakh (Cavenaghi 66)			
16.09.2008	Roma - CFR Cluj	1-2	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Goals: 1-0 Panucci 17, 1-1 Juan Culio 27, 1-2 Juan Culio 49			
Roma: Doni, Panucci (Loria 47), Cichinho, Aquilani, Vučinić, Taddei (Montella 77), De Rossi, Riise (Totti 52), Baptista, Tonetto, Cassetti			
CFR Cluj: Stăncioiu, Tony, Mureşan, Dubarbier (Panin 89), Trică (Peralta 67), Y. Koné, Juan Culio, Cadú, De Sousa, Dani, Alvaro Pereira			
01.10.2008	CFR Cluj - Chelsea	0-0	CFR, Cluj-Napoca
Goals: -			
CFR Cluj: Stăncioiu, Tony, Mureşan, Dubarbier, Trică (Didi 89), Y. Koné, Juan Culio, Cadú, De Sousa, Dani, Alvaro Pereira			
Chelsea: Čech, Lampard, Drogba (Belletti 58), Mikel Obi, Ballack, Malouda (Di Santo 74), Bosingwa, Bridge, Kalou (Anelka 46), Terry, Alex			
01.10.2008	Bordeaux - Roma	1-3	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux
Goals: 1-0 Gourcuff 18, 1-1 Vučinić 64, 1-2 Baptista 71, 1-3 Baptista 83			
Bordeaux: Valverde, Henrique, Diarra, Fernando, Jurietti (Gouffran 78), Gourcuff, Jussiê (Wendel 37), Diawara, Chalmé, Obertan (Planus 40), Chamakh			
Roma: Doni, Panucci, Cichinho, Mexès, Aquilani (Okaka Chuka 63), Vučinić (Brighi 84), Taddei, De Rossi, Riise, Perrotta, Menez (Baptista 51)			
22.10.2008	Bordeaux - CFR Cluj	1-0	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux
Goals: 1-0 Cadú 54 (o.g.)			
Bordeaux: Ramé, Diarra, Fernando, Jurietti, Gourcuff, Bellion (Wendel 61), Diawara, Chalmé, Obertan (Gouffran 61), Planus, Chamakh			
CFR Cluj: Stăncioiu, Tony, Mureşan, Dubarbier (Didi 75), Peralta, Trică, Y. Koné (E. Koné 86), Juan Culio, Cadú, De Sousa, Alvaro Pereira			
22.10.2008	Chelsea - Roma	1-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Terry 77			
Chelsea: Čech, Carvalho, Lampard, Mikel Obi, Malouda (Belletti 46), Bosingwa, Bridge, Deco, Kalou (Di Santo 77), Terry, Anelka (Ferreira 90+3)			
Roma: Doni, Panucci, Cichinho, Mexès, Aquilani (Perrotta 61), Vučinić, Totti, Taddei (Menez 81), De Rossi, Riise (Tonetto 82), Brighi			
04.11.2008	CFR Cluj - Bordeaux	1-2	CFR, Cluj-Napoca
Goals: 0-1 Gourcuff 6, 1-1 Dani 9, 1-2 Wendel 38			
CFR Cluj: Stăncioiu, Tony (Panin 64), Mureşan, Dubarbier, Peralta (E. Koné 68), Y. Koné, Juan Culio, Cadú, De Sousa (Deac 78), Dani, Alvaro Pereira			
Bordeaux: Valverde, Diarra, Fernando, Jurietti, Gouffran (Bellion 77), Gourcuff, Diawara, Wendel (Obertan 77), Chalmé, Planus, Chamakh			

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04.11.2008	Roma - Chelsea	3-1	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Goals: 1-0 Panucci 34, 2-0 Vučinić 48, 3-0 Vučinić 58, 3-1 Terry 75			
Roma: Doni, Panucci, Cicinho, Juan, Mexès, Pizarro, Vučinić (Riise 88), Totti (Baptista 62), De Rossi, Perrotta (Taddei 72), Brighi			
Chelsea: Čech, Lampard, J. Cole (Belletti 46), Mikel Obi, Malouda (Drogba 46), Bosingwa (Kalou 63), Bridge, Deco, Terry, Alex, Anelka			
26.11.2008	Bordeaux - Chelsea	1-1	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux
Goals: 0-1 Anelka 60, 1-1 Diarra 83			
Bordeaux: Valverde, Diarra, Fernando, Jurietti, Gouffran (Cavenaghi 67), Gourcuff, Diawara, Wendel (Obertan 75), Chalmé, Planus, Chamakh			
Chelsea: Čech, Ivanović, A. Cole, Lampard, J. Cole (Ferreira 85), Mikel Obi, Ballack, Malouda, Bosingwa, Terry, Anelka (Drogba 63)			
26.11.2008	CFR Cluj - Roma	1-3	CFR, Cluj-Napoca
Goals: 0-1 Brighi 11, 0-2 Totti 23, 1-2 Y. Koné 30, 1-3 Brighi 64			
CFR Cluj: Stăncioiu, Panin, Mureşan, Dubarbier (E. Koné 70), Trică (Deac 84), Y. Koné, Juan Culio, Cadú, De Sousa, Dani (Peralta 73), Alvaro Pereira			
Roma: Doni, Juan, Mexès, Totti (Vučinić 81), Taddei, De Rossi, Baptista, Perrotta (Pizarro 90), Tonetto (Riise 86), Brighi, Casetti			
09.12.2008	Chelsea - CFR Cluj	-	Stamford Bridge, London
09.12.2008	Roma - Bordeaux	-	Stadio Olimpico, Rome

Competition facts

• UEFA Champions League: Group stage milestones

Holders Manchester United FC have avoided becoming the first defending champions to fail to get through a group stage since the UEFA Champions League began. (This record, like the others, includes the seasons between 1999/00 and 2002/03 that featured a second group stage).

In 1992/93, FC Barcelona were the reigning European Champion Clubs' Cup holders and were beaten 4-3 on aggregate in the second round by PFC CSKA Moskva.

S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League in 2007/08 when he featured against Olympiacos CFP on Matchday 1 at the age of 43 years and 168 days. The record was previously held by Alessandro Costacurta, the AC Milan defender who played against AEK Athens FC in the 2006/07 season at the age of 40 years and 211 days. Ballotta was aged 43 years 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid CF on Matchday 6.

Laurent Blanc is the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 36 years and 339 days, having found the net for Manchester United FC in their 3-2 defeat of Olympiacos CFP on 23 October 2002.

Celestine Babayaro is the youngest player to have appeared in the UEFA Champions League. He was 16 years and 87 days when he started for RSC Anderlecht against FC Steaua Bucureşti on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

In 2006/07, PFC Levski Sofia joined 1. FC Košice in being the only team to have played in the UEFA Champions League and never picked up a point. The Slovakian side have not returned to the competition since losing all six games in their only campaign to date in 1997/98. Six other teams have gone through a single group stage campaign without picking up a point: FC Dynamo Kyiv (2007/08), SK Rapid Wien (2005/06) and RSC Anderlecht (2004/05) plus FC Spartak Moskva and Bayer 04 Leverkusen (2002/03, first and second group stage respectively) and Fenerbahçe SK (2001/02, first group stage).

Dynamo also conceded 19 goals in their six outings in 2007/08, equalling the record let in during a group stage set by Ferencvárosi TC in the 1995/96 campaign.

Before their 3-1 win against Sporting Clube de Portugal on Matchday 6 of the 2006/07 campaign, FC Spartak Moskva went 22 games without a win in the competition, surpassing the unwanted record set by AEK Athens FC on Matchday 3 of the same campaign.

The lowest total for a team qualifying from the group stage is seven points. The first to do it, since three points for a win was introduced in 1995/96, were Legia Warszawa that same season before Bayer 04 Leverkusen managed it in 1999/2000 and Liverpool FC in 2001/02. FC Lokomotiv Moskva and eventual finalists Juventus both progressed with seven points in 2002/03, a feat achieved by Rangers FC and Werder Bremen in 2005/06.

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Team facts

AS Roma

UEFA club competition milestones

• This is Roma's 25th season in UEFA club competition following their debut in the 1969/70 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round. They have twice lost out in UEFA finals – the 1983/84 European Champion Clubs' Cup and the 1990/91 UEFA Cup.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Roma are in their sixth campaign, having had to wait until the 2001/02 edition for their bow. Last season's run to the quarter-finals was their second appearance in the knockout stage.

UEFA club competition honours

• N/A

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2006/07: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2005/06: UEFA Cup – Round of 16

2004/05: UEFA Champions League – group stage

2003/04: UEFA Cup – third round

2002/03: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

2001/02: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

2000/01: UEFA Cup – fourth round

1999/00: UEFA Cup – fourth round

1998/99: UEFA Cup – quarter-finals

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Roma ended up three points adrift of champions FC Internazionale Milano and so finished as runners-up behind the Nerazzurri for the third consecutive season. However, Inter could not extend their domestic dominance to the Coppa Italia as Roma overcame their rivals in the final for the second time in as many campaigns to draw level with Juventus as the competition's most successful club with nine wins.

European record: The Giallorossi finished five points behind Group F winners Manchester United FC but four ahead of third-placed Sporting Clube de Portugal with a record of three wins and two draws from their six matches. Real Madrid CF were defeated 2-1 in each leg of the first knockout round to set up another last-eight tie with United. Roma were unable to avenge their 8-3 aggregate defeat of the previous season, however, bowing out of the competition 3-0 overall.

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

7-0: AS Roma v NK Gorica

28.09.2000, UEFA Cup first round second leg

7-0: AS Roma v Vitória FC

16.09.1999, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Biggest home win

7-0: AS Roma v NK Gorica (see above for details)

7-0: AS Roma v Vitória FC (see above for details)

- Biggest away win
1-4: FC Dynamo Kyiv v AS Roma
27.11.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage
 - **0-3:** Valencia CF v AS Roma
26.02.2003, UEFA Champions League second group stage
 - **0-3:** Hamburger SV v AS Roma
07.12.2000, UEFA Cup third round second leg
 - **1-4:** NK Gorica v AS Roma
14.09.2000, UEFA Cup first round first leg
 - **1-4:** FC Wacker Innsbruck v AS Roma
16.09.1992, UEFA Cup first round first leg
 - Heaviest defeat
7-1: Manchester United v AS Roma
10.04.2007, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg
 - Heaviest home defeat
0-3: AS Roma v Real Madrid CF
08.12.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage
 - **0-3 (forfeit):** AS Roma v FC Dynamo Kyiv
15.09.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage
 - **0-3:** AS Roma v Real Madrid CF
17.02.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage
 - Heaviest away defeat
7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (see above for details)
- UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)**
- Biggest win
4-0: AS Roma v FC Shakhtar Donetsk
12/09/2006, UEFA Champions League group stage
 - Biggest home win
4-0: AS Roma v FC Shakhtar Donetsk (see above for details)
 - Biggest away win
1-4: FC Dynamo Kyiv v AS Roma (see above for details)
 - **0-3:** Valencia CF v AS Roma (see above for details)
 - Heaviest defeat
7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (see above for details)
 - Heaviest home defeat
0-3: AS Roma v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)
 - **0-3:** AS Roma v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)
 - **0-3:** AS Roma v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)
 - Heaviest away defeat
7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (see above for details)

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FC Girondins de Bordeaux

UEFA club competition milestones

- Bordeaux's only success in European competition saw them win one of four UEFA Intertoto Cup finals in 1995 – an achievement that would lead to a splendid season in the UEFA Cup, where they lost in the two-legged final against FC Bayern München.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Two of Bordeaux's five forays into Europe's premier club competition have come since the inception of the UEFA Champions League but on both occasions, the most recent being in the 2006/07 edition, they have failed to reach the knockout stages.

UEFA club competition honours

• UEFA Intertoto Cup: 1995

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Cup – Round of 32

2006/07: UEFA Cup – Round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2005/06: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2004/05: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2003/04: UEFA Cup – quarter-finals

2002/03: UEFA Cup – third round

2001/02: UEFA Cup – third round

2000/01: UEFA Cup – fourth round

1999/00: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

1998/99: UEFA Cup – quarter-finals

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Bordeaux were runners-up to Olympique Lyonnais in Ligue 1 taking the title race to the last weekend but eventually finishing four points back. The defending French League Cup holders, they were knocked out in the third round by FC Metz before losing on penalties in the quarter-finals of the Coupe de France against second-tier side CS Sedan-Ardennes.

European record: After seeing off Tampere United in the UEFA Cup first round, Bordeaux were one of only two sides to win all their group games as they progressed to the Round of 32. However, once there they met RSC Anderlecht who won 3-2 on aggregate to end the French side's interest in the competition at the same stage for the second season in a row.

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

6-0: FC Girondins de Bordeaux v ŠKM Púchov
17.09.2002, UEFA Cup, first round, first leg

• Biggest home win

6-0: FC Girondins de Bordeaux v ŠKM Púchov (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-4: Víkingur Reykjavík v FC Girondins de Bordeaux
17.09.1981, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

6-0: Parma AC v FC Girondins de Bordeaux
16.03.1999, UEFA Cup quarter-final second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

1-4: FC Girondins de Bordeaux v Valencia CF
15.03.2000, UEFA Champions League second group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

6-0: Parma AC v FC Girondins de Bordeaux (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

3-1: FC Girondins de Bordeaux v Galatasaray SK
22.11.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

1-3: PSV Eindhoven v FC Girondins de Bordeaux
05.12.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

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 - Heaviest defeat
4-0: Chelsea FC v FC Girondins de Bordeaux
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 - Heaviest away defeat
4-0: Chelsea FC v FC Girondins de Bordeaux (see above for details)
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Legend

:: All-time statistics

The all-time record of the competing clubs in UEFA club competition.

UEFA club competition: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competition defined as the European Champion Clubs' Cup, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1960-1999), the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (1973 -), the UEFA Intertoto Cup and the European/South American Cup (1960-2004). Matches in the Inter-Cities' Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are included only for information as these were not held under UEFA auspices, while the FIFA Club World Cup is excluded.

:: Squad list

The eligible list of players ordered first by playing position and then numeric order.

Current season - UCLQ: Total UEFA Champions League appearances in qualifying rounds only.

Current season - UCL: Total UEFA Champions League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday.

Current season - League: Total league appearances based on the date press kit was last updated

All-time - UCL: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from the 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

All-time - UEFA: Total appearances in UEFA club competition (as defined above) including all qualifying round matches. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

Age: based on the date press kit was last updated

BL: Booking list (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

UCL: Total matches officiated in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in UEFA club competition including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCLC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No.: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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